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## FEBRUARY

### THE NEXT SACHSE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEETING

Date and Time and Place: Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7:30pm at the Sachse Public Library Conference Room.

Presentation: Lonnie, KG5WHQ will describe Satellite Communications.

### "MY CORNER OF THE SHACK"

Winter Field Day (www.winterfieldday.com) sure was fun. It was a great opportunity to work with our CERT members to leverage that great CERT trailer for our comm's center and we learned some things while working field day too. We learned that end fed slopers are a very versatile antenna (the lions share, if not all, our contacts were made using slopers). We learned that noise can wipe out multiple bands and that having an AM radio around can help you locate the potential source of that noise. We learned to look up (to see that the lights causing our noise problem are still on even at 10am in the morning with full sun). All in all it was a great weekend, I had a blast and KC5LS surprised herself by staying around all day Saturday and had fun making contacts on W5INF's setup with KG5CQO and KI5COY. Many thanks to AG5HB and the North Pointe Church of Christ for letting us set up in there parking areas (everyone agreed it was a great spot), W5INF for the great chili dinner Saturday evening, and KG5CQO for breakfast on Sunday morning.

There were also a bunch of newly minted Ham's from the "One Day Ham Radio Technician Training Class & Exam". All 10 students passed their Tech and 3 continued on and got there General. Congratulations to each of them.

If you missed the Dallas County Skywarn Spotter Training you have another chance with the Collin County Skywarn Spotter Training being held Feb 23rd at the Frisco Collin County College Campus (9700 Wade Blvd, Frisco, Texas 75035).

If you looking for another way to serve your community then check out the "Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training (G-317)" that starts February 26th and continues March 2nd at the Sachse EOC in the Public Safety building. More information can be found here, www.sachsecert.org.

The BOD is continuing planning for Summer Field Day (June 22-23), a couple of "Fox Hunts" (once the weather is a bit more predictable if that is possible in N TX), some antenna builds, and we have a committee set up to begin looking at the possibility of setting up a club owned repeater.

We are in need of someone to serve as our Education Officer. You would not be the one doing education presentations but, helping us identify others who might be able to come in a present. So, if you have a great curiosity about the different aspects of Amateur Radio then I would encourage you to seriously consider helping us fill this position (you'd get to schedule things to help you satisfy those curiosities).

Don't forget to join us on our weekly net, Wednesday's at 8pm on the N5LOC repeater (145.25MHz, Minus 600 KHz shift, PL 141.3), watch for our Public Information Officer's (KC6TVF) emails, check our web site, and of course, read the newsletter.

Our next club meeting, at the Sachse Public Library, is on February 28th at 7:30pm, our own Lonnie Web (KG5WHQ) will be giving us a presentation on his satellite antenna build project, I hope to see you there.

73, W5JWS – John S

### ARRL MEMBERS ELECT A NEW NORTH TEXAS SECTION MANAGER

In North Texas, Steven Lott Smith, KG5VK, who lives near the town of Ben Franklin, received 714 votes to 576 for Ken Mitchell, KD2KW, of Oak Point. He has been president of the Key City Amateur Radio Club in Abilene, and of the Shreveport Amateur Radio Association in Louisiana. Smith will pick up the reins from Jay Urish, W5GM, who opted not to run for a new term after serving for the past 2 years.

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### YOUR SARA CLUB NEEDS AN EDUCATION OFFICER.

Are you tired of Cupid shooting you in your butt with his leaden arrows? Then help the Sachse Amateur Radio Association locate its next education officer. That way Cupid will shoot you with one of his golden arrows. Then all of us will be all smiles. All of us can see that The Sachse Amateur Radio Association badly needs an education officer. Do you know where the club's next educational presentation will come from? If you have contacts with other clubs then you can help. If you need some information about amateur radio then speak up to a club board member. If you have a presentation that you would like to make to the club please speak up to a club board member. It is not hard to speak with your club. Apply now. You can do it. We really do need your help.

### DO YOU HAVE A STORY FOR THE SARA NEWSLETTER

Send anything that you think should go into the newsletter to me at: sara.newsletter@ix.netcom.com

### SACHSE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

SARA vice-president Greg Kent, KK6AXF heads up the SARA Activities Committee. Anyone who is willing to help may contact Greg Kent, KK6AXF, at kk6axf@gmail.com.

### SACHSE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION EDUCATION DIRECTOR

SARA can use your assistance. If you can suggest or provide an educational program for the weekly NET or for the monthly club meeting please contact a SARA board member.

### NORTH TEXAS ARRL SECTION MENTORFEST 2019 IS STILL PLANNED

From the SachseRadio Face Book Page:

John W Smyder III shared a post.

ARRL - North Texas Section
From SM Jay Urish:

After saying publicly that Mentorfest 2019 would not happen because I was leaving office and was loathe to start something that I might not finish, The demand was still high enough to go ahead and with the support of my ASM's and both candidates for my office, we are going to give it a shot.

The Hella Shrine is reserved for us April 27, 2019. We will use the same time slot layout we had last year.

Join in the fun. Don't be shy. Meet your fellow club members on the radio. Hear all the gossip. Learn a few things about amateur radio. Keep up to date on upcoming SARA amateur radio events.

Join in the fun. Become a Net Control Operator. You may find that you have a hidden talent. Try it once. If you like it sign up for more. Contact the SARA Public Information Officer John Briggs, KC6TVF for more information. jsbriggs@yahoo.com

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Free Event! - Hosted by the Hella Hams and the ARRL North Texas Section
When: April 27, 2019 Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Location: Hella Shrine Center, 2121 Rowlett Rd., Garland, TX 75043

The Garland Hella Hams and the ARRL North Texas Section would like to invite all current and prospective Hams to attend Mentorfest! This event is a great way for Hams, especially those recently licensed, to meet and learn about a variety of subjects. Amateur radio operators have a great tradition of helping each other learn about and gain experience in the many facets of the hobby. Mentorfest is designed to build on this tradition by providing a place for Hams of all ages and experience levels to come together, exchange knowledge and make new friends while having fun and enjoying the great hobby of Amateur Radio.

### Mentorfest will feature....

- Formal presentations on a number of topics.
- Local clubs providing information on their activities.
- "Elmers" (ham-speak for mentors) available for informal discussions on just about any topic.
- Tours of emergency communications vehicles.
- Representatives from the ARRL, Local Clubs, ARES/RACES, and others showing how you can get involved.

### Mentoring

In addition to the formal presentations, mentoring will be available on a large range of topics. Many amateur radio clubs, individual Hams and organizations with ties to amateur radio will be at Mentorfest to answer questions and provide demonstrations in a very informal setting.

If you have something amateur radio related that you would like to show and tell about, please consider attending Mentorfest. Your excitement about a favorite subject might be an inspiration to another Ham. Come share your knowledge and experience. Email mentorfest@arrlntx.org to be a mentor.

### Participants & Volunteers

All ARRL affiliated clubs are encouraged to participate in Mentorfest by at least having an information table with club representatives. The ARRL will be promoting Mentorfest to new Hams so there should be opportunities for clubs to recruit new members. If your club or group is interested in participating in Mentorfest, please send E-mail to mentorfest@arrlntx.org. This event is free for everyone!

Volunteers are needed to help will the following tasks.

Parking lot control for EMComm vehicle static displays.

Greeters to help direct attendees to where to get the answers they seek.

Email mentorfest@arrlntx.org to volunteer.

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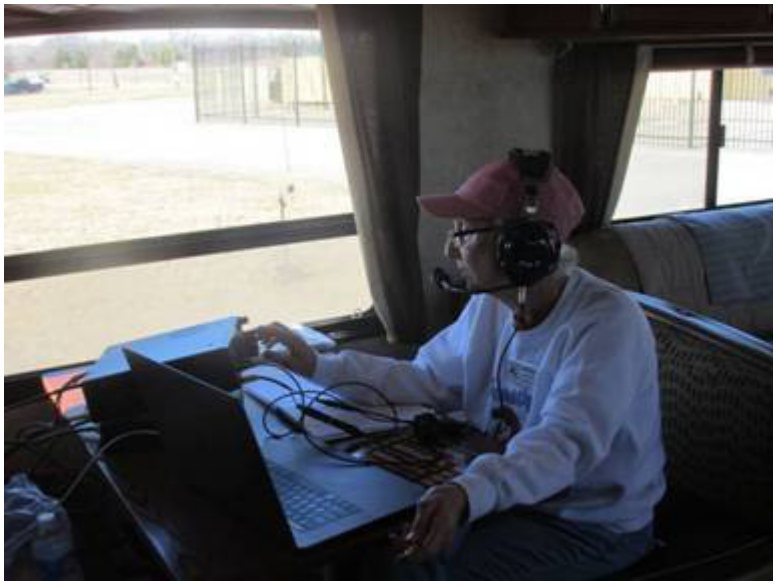

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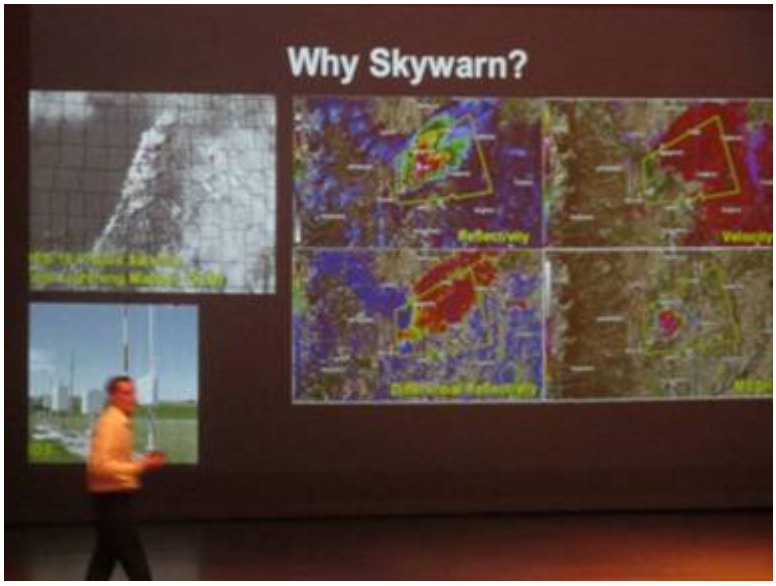


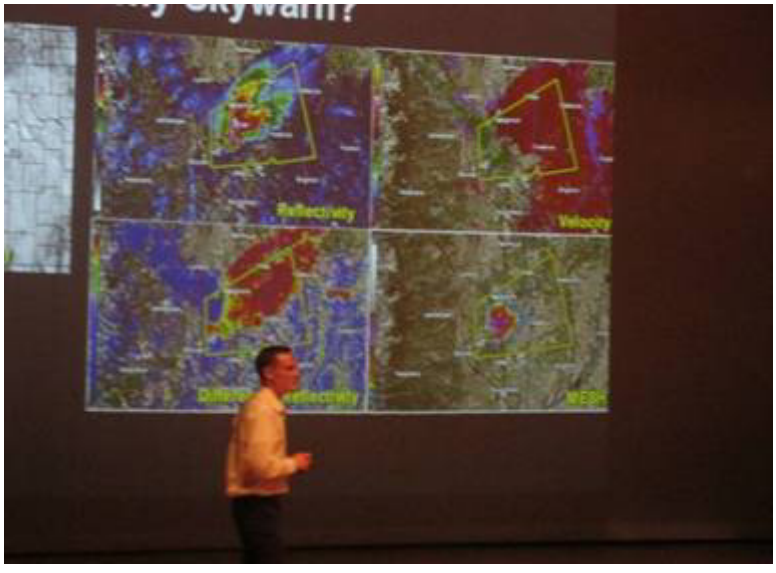


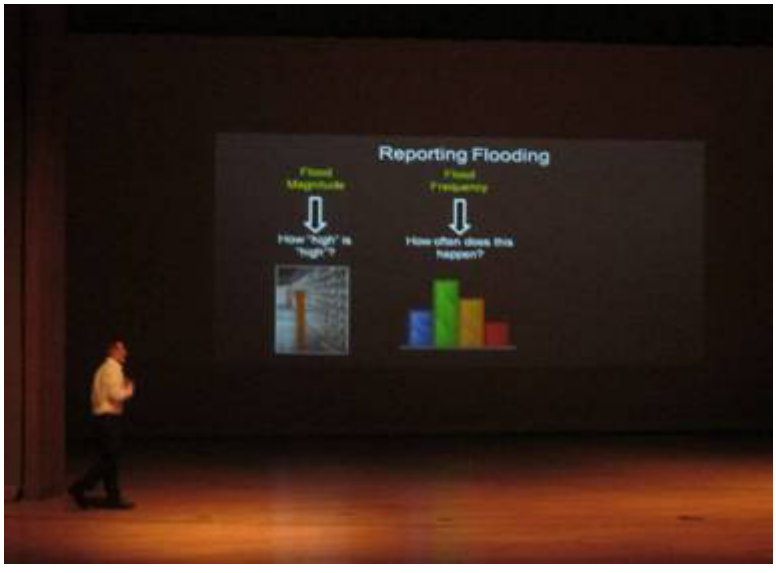

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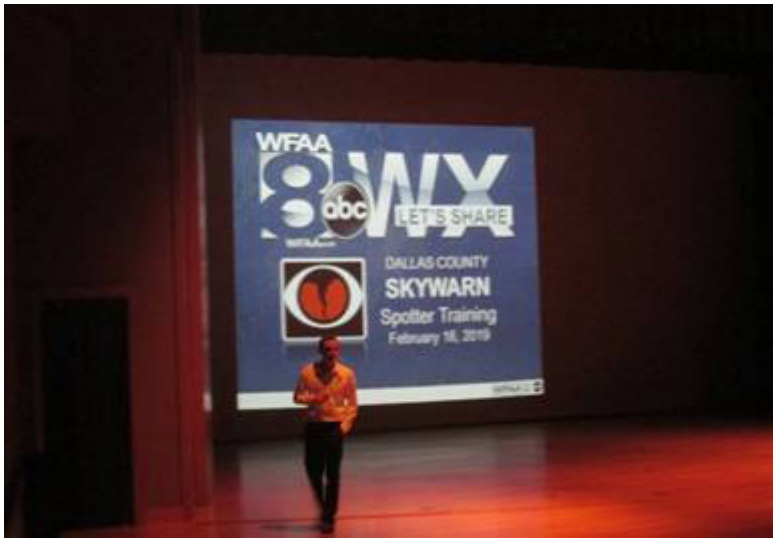

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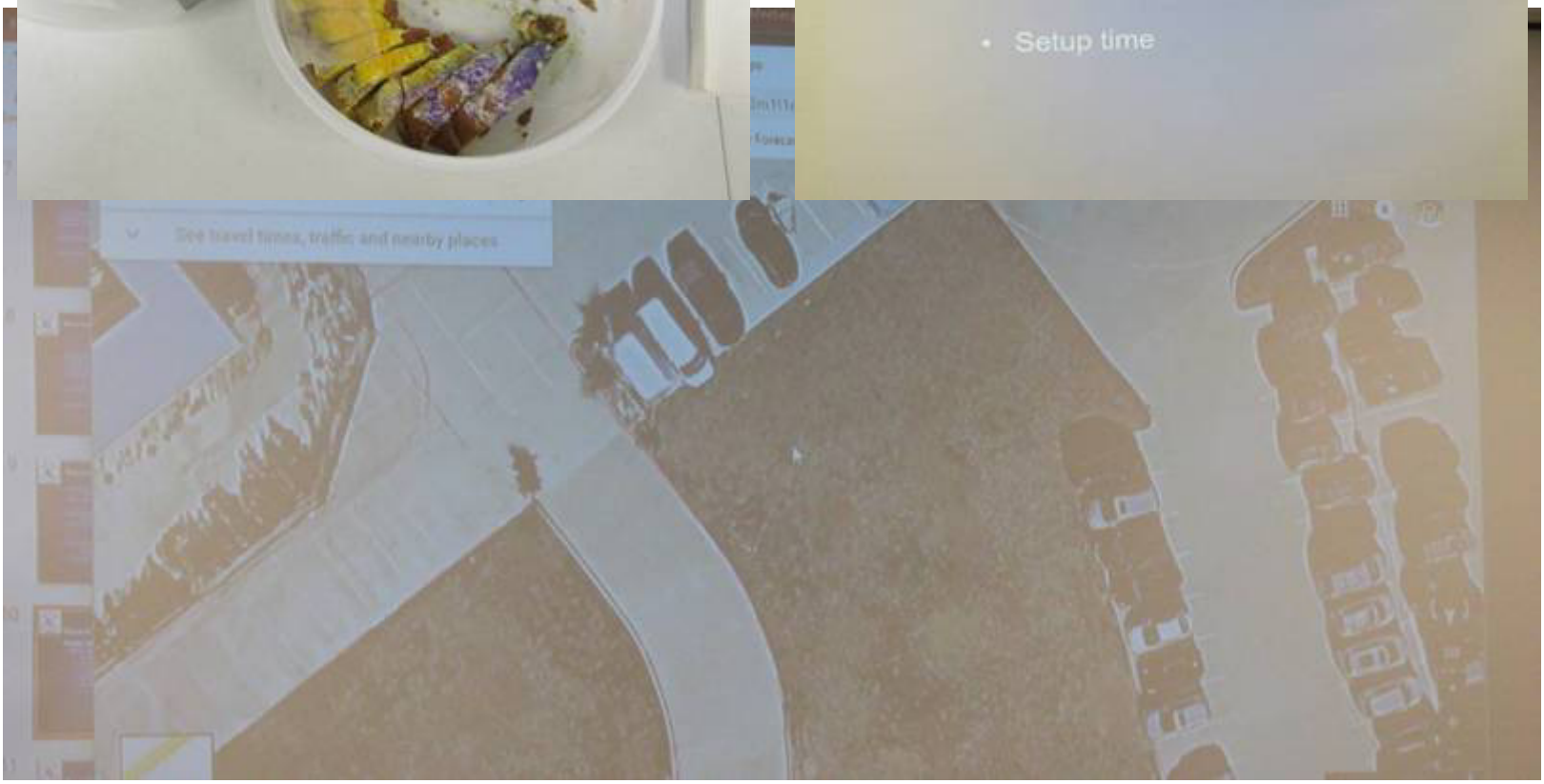

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**NEW "POD" CAST FROM THE ARRL**

This POD CAST is active

https://www.blubrry.com/arrl_the_doctor_is_in/

Currently this POD Cast is just a brief introduction to the brand-new ARRL podcast for new amateurs. Be sure to subscribe with your podcast app and stand by for its debut on March 7, 2019!

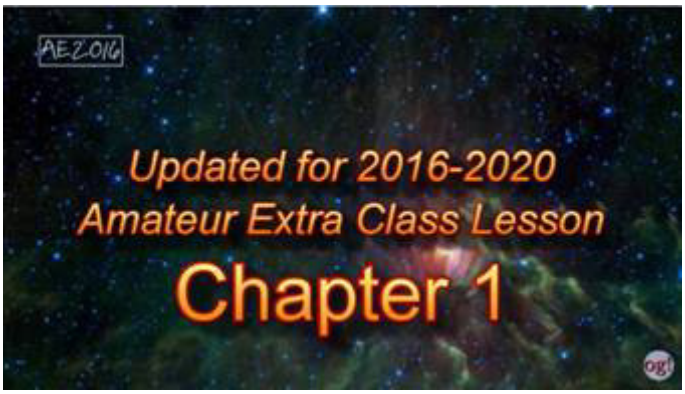
https://www.blubrry.com/arrlnowwhat/

**IMPORTANT "YOUTUBE" TRAINING MATERIAL**

General Ham Radio License

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUfkSzhXzVo

Amateur Extra Radio License

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**SACHSE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION – SATURDAY BREAKFAST – 2019-01-26**

Sachse Amateur Radio Association
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2019

Start time: 7:30 pm
Location: Sachse Library
Facilitator: John Smyder (W5JWS), President

Opening

**John Briggs – (KC6TVF)**

Opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance

**John Smyder – (W5JWS)**

Everyone introduced themselves and gave their call sign

Attendees

14 members

**President's report – John Smyder – (W5JWS)**

QSO breakfast – Saturday 8:00 at Woodbridge Café in Sachse
Next board meeting is February 14
Next general meeting is February 28
Ham Com – Friday, June 8th, noon to 5:00 & Saturday, June 9th, 8:00 to 5:00
Volunteers are needed to gather data about a club repeater and location, such as the Sachse new water tower

**Jeff Locke (N5LOC), Greg Kent (KK6AXF), and John Findley (W5INF)** volunteered for this committee

**Vice-President – Greg Kent – (KK6AXF)**

Pop-up with logo is in process
Summer Field Day – need help
**John Briggs -- (KC6TVF)** will get info on April Sachse meeting for use of Salmon Park
Want to look for another place
Something more public
Allows trailer over night

**John Briggs – (KC6TVF)**

Sachse CERT Training Class G317 will be held February 23 and March 2

**Secretary – Johnnie Young – (KG5CQO)**

Minutes have been submitted and are on the web site and in the newsletter
Motion to accept— **Jeff Locke – (N5LOC)**
2nd to accept motion – **John Briggs – (KC6TVF)**
All agreed – motion passed

**Treasurer – David Mandala (KG5WFS)**

Club now has 31 members
Treasurer's Report for December 2018 End of year
Motion to accept -- **John Briggs –(KC6TVF)**
2nd to accept motion – **Greg Kent (KK6AXF)**
All agreed – motion passed

**Information Officer – John Briggs (KC6TVF)**

Need volunteers for NCS
January 30 – **Han Vo (KI5COI)**
February 6 – **Jeff Locke (N5LOC)**
February 13 -- **John Smyder (W5JWS)**
February 20 – **Greg Kent (KK6AXF)**
February 27 – **Lonnie Webb (KG5WHQ)**

**Doug Priebe – (AG5HB)**

Tech Class will be February 2 with testing in the afternoon
Class is from 8:30 to 4:30 followed with testing
Need help setting up Friday night
Saturday – greeting students
getting lunch
answering questions
cleaning up

**Jeff Locke (N5LOC)** made a motion to donate $100 to Five Loaves Pantry for the snack donation to the Tech Class
2nd to accept motion – **John Briggs – (KC6TVF)**
All agreed – motion passed

**John Briggs – (KC6TVF)**

February 16 – Skywarn class in Garland
Club sets up a table

February 23 – rescheduled Skywarn class for Collin County

**Newsletter editor – John Abbott (KF5FWK)**

News letter was sent via e-mail and is on the SARA web site
Always can use news articles and recipes
Take pictures at all events & send to John
Take pictures of your antenna or shack set up
Info should be sent to **John Abbott (KF5FWK)** by the Monday before the next meeting

**Director-at-large – Jeff Locke – (N5LOC)**

Nothing to report

**John Smyder – (W5JWS)**

Since **Larry Hoffman – (W5JWF)** stepped down as Education Officer

Need someone to step up
Need something for next month
Anyone willing to help or has ideas email **John Smyder (W5JWS)** at W5JWS@arrl.net

Mentor Fest – April 27

**8:05 break**

**8:15 reconvened**

**Greg Kent – (KK6AXF)**

Winter Field Day discussion:

Members discussed placement of trailer and antenna and parking of cars, as well as what radios, antenna, and power that would be available
Results ended with 3-4 radios, 2 trailers, and necessary antenna, plus laptops to log contacts
Church sign will be programmed to announce activity
PR table will have ARRL info, Club info, and examples of antenna built in club activities
**John Smyder – (W5JWS)** will send a note to the Sachse Sheriff
Saturday breakfast would be the QSO breakfast at the Woodbridge Café as usual
Set-up would begin about 9:00 to 9:30
**John Findley –(W5INF)** will have chili for dinner
**John Smyder – (W5JWS)** will bring tea and crackers
**Johnnie Young – (KG5CQO)** will have all paper products

**8:50**

Motion to adjourn – **Lonnie Webb (KG5WHQ)**
2nd the motion – **John Findley (W5INF)**
All agreed

Meeting adjourned